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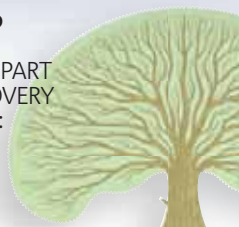
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In this conceptual drawing, the proposed southeast LRT crosses the North Saskatchewan River. The project got a big boost Thursday with the announcement of \$250 million in federal funding. CITY OF EDMONTON

Edmonton LRT line gets \$250M boost

Public-private.
Partnership represents
the largest investment
the federal government
has made in a P3: MP

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Edmonton's LRT line to Mill Woods is one step closer to becoming a reality with \$250 million in federal funding announced Thursday.

Mayor Stephen Mandel said the federal investment is huge for the city and for realizing the dream of an LRT line.

"This is an exciting day for the city of Edmonton," he said. "This is a dream that

many of our councillors have had for a number of years. It will make such a difference to our city to begin to link up and build what our city council has envisioned this city can be."

Federal ministers were on hand to announce the investment through the Public Private Partnership Canada fund. The fund is set up specifically for public-private partnerships, or P3s, where a private company builds and operates infrastructure.

Rona Ambrose, Edmonton MP and minister of public works and government services, said the federal government is making the investment because it believes in the city.

"This is the largest investment that our government has made in a P3 to date," she

said. "It shows a confidence in the city of Edmonton."

Ambrose said the project would help Edmontonians spend more time at home and less time commuting.

"This means getting home from work that much earlier to sit down with your kids for dinner."

The project would take the LRT from Mill Woods straight into Churchill Square and open in 2018 or 2019, depending on construction schedules.

The total cost of the project is \$1.8 billion. With the federal commitment, \$1.05 billion is currently committed.

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Edmonton still missing funds for LRT project

While city officials were all smiles Thursday afternoon at the announcement of \$250 million for the southeast LRT project, there is still a big portion of funding yet to be found.

Currently the city has committed \$800 million for the project, and with the federal government's commitment \$1.05 billion is in place, but that still leaves \$750 million

in money to be found.

The provincial government has not made any commitment so far, but Transportation Minister Ric McIver was on hand at Thursday's announcement and indicated the government supports LRT.

"Premier Redford and your Alberta government also support the value of the LRT as a way for Albertans in a modern

Alberta to get around," he said.

The province has money remaining in its \$2-billion GreenTrip program, but McIver said he doesn't know when the province might accept new applications.

"We don't know and haven't decided when the second round of applications might go," he said.

Despite the missing funds, Mayor Stephen Mandel said he

is sure the project will be built.

"I am absolutely sure we are going to build this," he said.

Coun. Amarjeet Sohi, a major backer of the line, echoed the mayor's comments.

"I have no cause for concern at all that this project will not be built. This project is ready to go and this project will be built," he said.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Tentative agreement

Rep: Deal reached for Alta. teachers

Officials have planned a news conference for Friday where it's expected the province and Alberta Teachers' Association will announce they have reached a tentative deal on a contract for 35,000 educators.

But officials from both sides of a long-standing cat-and-mouse game to hammer out a deal declined to comment late Thursday.

Calgary Public Teachers' Association president Frank Bruseker, however, confirmed the Friday event and said he'd been called to an emergency meeting Saturday where he expected to be advised by provincial ATA executives to accept the terms. "My understanding is a proposal was made and it's going to be recommended," he said.

The tentative agreement comes on the heels of particularly tense times between the ATA and provincial Education Minister Jeff Johnson, who had been openly exploring legislating a deal after more than two years of negotiations in an effort to "protect the classroom."

The ATA's turned down a deal late last month that would have seen salaries frozen for three years and a two per cent hike in the fourth year. Edmonton Public Schools board chair Sarah Hoffman said they had yet to see any of the details of the proposed arrangement.

"We will know more details, hopefully tomorrow. We will hopefully be brought into the loop about what the minister and the ATA have agreed upon."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Spring on hold as snow blankets city

Parking ban.

Roadway crews are working around the clock



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The first day of spring is March 20, but it doesn't seem like the seasons are changing in Edmonton.

Snow started falling early Thursday, and Breakfast Television weather specialist Michele McDougall said residents should expect 15 centimetres by Friday evening.

Such a heavy snowfall means a parking ban on residential bus routes will take effect Friday at 7 a.m. until further notice so crews can plow from curb to curb.

"We're going to have to handle it like it was still January," said roadway maintenance director Bob Dunford. "It's not something that you can say, 'Oh,



Winter weather conditions returned to Edmonton on Thursday, with a total of 15 centimetres of snow expected to fall by the end of the day Friday. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

it's going to warm up and go away.' We're going to have to handle it the same way we would in the dead of winter."

And dress like it too, as temperatures will be in the -20 C range (with windchill) into next week.

"We've also got an arctic

blast," said McDougall. "We are going to be about 10 degrees below the seasonal average for the next week and a little bit."

Winter precipitation is normal in March and April though, McDougall added.

"Nobody likes to see it, but it's not all that rare."

Stay tuned

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In a memo obtained by Metro, AHS CEO Dr. Chris Eagle says, "Many of the staff changes ahead can be addressed through vacancy management, redeployment and scheduling changes." METRO FILE

Climbing labour costs mean administrative cuts: AHS

Public health.

Department could see staff 'redeployment and scheduling changes'



ROBSON FLETCHER
Metro in Calgary

Alberta Health Services announced measures to cut administration costs on

Thursday while also revealing its labour costs had jumped significantly.

Across the system, AHS spent \$54.99 per hour worked in the first three quarters of its 2012-13 fiscal year, up 8.3 per cent from the same period last year, a report says.

Board chair Stephen Lockwood said AHS has "begun many administrative cost-reduction measures" that will save \$35

million over the next three years.

"We know the direction we need to take and there is no reason to wait until we get our budget finalized," Lockwood said, noting the board will approve a full budget in early April.

Wildrose health critic Heather Forsyth said AHS should have trimmed administrative spending years ago, as there are "layers of fat in the system."

The province plans to boost AHS's current budget of \$12.7 billion by three per cent in 2013-14, which is less than the previously anticipated 4.5 per cent.

Asked if that will mean layoffs, Lockwood said, "I don't expect the overall numbers of frontline workers to change very much."

Layoffs were mentioned in a letter to health-care staff from AHS CEO Dr. Chris Eagle and obtained by

Metro, but in the context of reorganizing, rather than losing staff.

The email reads, "A lay-off is often the first step in a process under our collective agreements to redeploy staff."

It later adds: "Many of the staff changes ahead can be addressed through vacancy management, redeployment and scheduling changes."

WITH FILES FROM RYAN TUMILTY

'Hug-a-thug'? 'Free crime' coupons deride Tory policy

Alberta's justice minister is demanding an apology from the Opposition Wildrose for distributing tongue-in-cheek coupons informing wannabe scofflaws that their first crime is on the house.

"It's childish and I think that whoever did them needs to apologize," Jonathan Denis said on Thursday. "It's a patent abuse of taxpayer dollars."

The full-colour coupons feature a fake bar code beside pictures of a dour Premier Alison Redford and a smiling Denis. "Enjoy one free crime!" shouts the headline. "Vandalize! Shoplift! This one's on us! The holder of this coupon is entitled to one free minor crime without prosecution!"

Wildrose justice critic Shayne Saskiw said the coupons are a lighthearted attempt to draw attention to a serious policy change in the Justice Department that was announced in last week's budget.

First-time petty-crime offenders — such as vandals and shoplifters — are to be redirected to alternative-measures programs to rehabilitate them and free up court resources to pursue more serious offenders.

Saskiw has labelled it the Tory "hug-a-thug" program.

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THE CITY'S LIP SERVICE TO ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION



FOOTNOTES
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During rush hour Wednesday I found myself at the intersection of doom, 114th Street and 76th Avenue, staring down that eternal red light and counting down the seconds to my road rage.

That's when a curious thought crossed my mind: "Should I explore other modes of transportation, modes that are both physically and mentally healthier and better for the environment? Perhaps I'm over-reliant on my car. After all, look at all these new bike commuters cropping up."

I know — crazy thoughts, right? It was perhaps a transient moment of schizophrenia (I will consult my doctor) but thankfully it was shaken by a very real voice, this one on the radio, of a young chap who relayed the most glorious news: City council struck down those pesky bike lanes on 76th Avenue that threatened to push out some parking spots and make me walk a block to my butcher.

Dear reader, I could have jumped out of my car and danced under the red lights, if it wasn't for my fear of breathing natural air.

Sadly, my euphoria was

soon undermined by a pothole. I didn't hit it, but I almost did. The mere thought of the damage I dodged sat with me like a creepy hitchhiker until I pulled into my garage and plopped on my couch with my laptop.

There I was, about to muse on Facebook that potholes are a fact of life in Edmonton and that maybe by obsessing over them we're distracting ourselves from resolving other very important problems, when a friend shared even sweeter news than before: Council is seriously considering investing another \$12 million for street repairs!

Where will that money come from? Doesn't matter, but if you must be nosy, it could be from the \$1.7 million council was going to put toward a 16-month late-night transit pilot that would have seen hooligans on Whyte Avenue and Jasper Avenue get home safely at 3 a.m. Thankfully, the Mayor explained Wednesday that there are other priorities on which to focus. You know, like potholes.

I admit that in my darkest hours I torture myself by reading the city's alternative long-term plans filled with radical ideas promoting sustainable neighbourhoods and more public transportation. But there's only one way we "move" and go "green" in this city: In our cars and all the way to the bank.



Brothers Wes, left, and Wilf Michalycia were injured in a house explosion in Fort Saskatchewan last month that killed their cousin. The plumbers are still in hospital. CONTRIBUTED

Brothers in explosion remain 'very critical'

Wilf and Wes Michalycia. Plumbers in Fort Saskatchewan incident both suffered burns to over half of their bodies, says sister



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Two men severely injured in a house explosion in Fort Saskatchewan last month remain

in critical condition.

Brothers Wilf and Wes Michalycia, 45 and 48 respectively, were installing plumbing in a new home Feb. 21 when a gas leak caused the explosion.

"They're both still very critical and they're just fighting to get through everything," said sister Rachael Froese, noting Wilf has burns to 90 per cent of his body and Wes to 60 per cent of his.

Both men have undergone multiple surgeries and have yet to truly regain consciousness, she added.

The pair work for Wilf's

company, Wil-Flo Plumbing & Heating, said Froese.

Their cousin Jason Michalycia, 33, who was also working with them, died Feb. 22.

Support has flooded in for the family through the Michalycia Burn Victim Fund, which can be donated to at any TD Canada Trust branch.

"I can't even begin to say how much everyone has come out to support," said Froese. "And mainly those funds are going to be used for them when they get out of the hospital, because their lifestyles are going to change drastically."

Upcoming benefits

- A benefit is being held Friday for Wes, a married Fort Saskatchewan resident with two daughters, at the Fort Saskatchewan Legion. The 250 tickets are sold out.
- One for Wilf, an Edmonton resident, is planned for April 6 at Oscar's Pub in Sherwood Park.

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AMA. Health minister rejects Alberta docs' arbitration offer

Health Minister Fred Horne rejected sending physician-fee negotiations to arbitration Thursday after the Alberta Medical Association said it would accept such a move in order to end a long-standing contract stalemate with the province.

"I don't see arbitration as an option," Horne told Metro shortly after AMA president Dr. Michael Giuffre published a letter saying physicians would support such a step.

But Horne said the idea is a non-starter, as last week's Alberta budget made it clear "there's no money for increases in public-sector compensation — and that includes doctors."

No money, no exceptions

"There's no money for increases in public-sector compensation — and that includes doctors."

Health Minister Fred Horne

Horne has now asked Giuffre to have the AMA come up with "some options around how we live within our means" and present them to him after physician leaders meet in Calgary this weekend.

"We'll certainly consider any reasonable proposal."

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO IN CALGARY

Not ready. Province withdraws support for online voting initiative

In the wake of Edmonton's decision not to go ahead with on-line voting in the fall campaign, the provincial government has withdrawn its support for the idea as well.

Strathcona County, which initially partnered with Edmonton for online voting, was set to vote earlier this week on including it in its election.

But Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths wrote the county a letter saying the province would not support the move.

"As yet Edmonton and St.

Quoted

"It's too high-risk."

Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths

Albert didn't have confidence in the system, so we are not going to run a real project where people are actually voting on the Internet in this election. It's too high-risk," he said in an interview.

Griffiths said elections have to be completely reliable and he doesn't believe the technology is there **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**



Photos such as this one of Jasper Avenue can be found on Vintage Edmonton's website. A calendar is also available for sale. CONTRIBUTED/VINTAGE EDMONTON

Collecting history

Vintage Edmonton. Facebook page popularity leads to website, calendar



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Collecting old postcards and photos, mainly from eBay, is a hobby of Ryan Gagne's.

One that many Edmontonians have an interest in.

Gagne, a 29-year-old vice-

president of a marketing company in Moncton, N.B., is behind vintage-edmonton.com, which launched two weeks ago due to the success of a Facebook page (Vintage Edmonton has more than 7,700 likes) created just before Christmas.

Both boast a collection of photos and postcards capturing Edmonton's history.

Gagne was born in the City of Champions and moved east with his parents at the age of six.

"It was the very early part of my life," he said.

"But my parents spent their

20s there, and I always heard these interesting stories.

"This has been my way of sort of re-connecting, and also sort of (fulfilling) the need I have of wanting to know more about my birthplace."

He first created a Vintage Moncton page in 2011, then was encouraged to do so for other cities.

Vintage Edmonton is now comprised of postcards and photos posted by not only Gagne, but fans and users.

"I'm continually blown away by the interest and the engagement," he said.

History lessons

- The city archives are the go-to source for all things old and Edmonton.
- Vintageedmonton.com, (not to be confused with Gagne's site — note the lack of hyphen between the descriptor and the city in this one) is a collection of mostly old newspaper articles and advertisements.

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The Common



Course 1: Fritto mista (seafood salad with fried squid, salmon and cod, spicy aioli and fried herbs)
Course 2: Choice of black-forest croissant (with fontina cheese, tomatoes and Dijon mayonnaise) or ratatouille fazoletti (free-form lasagna dish layered with ratatouille and goat's cheese)
Lunch for \$15
9910-109th St.

Hardware Grill

Course 1: Choice of soup of yesterday or BLT wedge (with candied bacon, toy-box tomatoes and avocado-ranch dressing)
Course 2: Choice of open-face Alberta lamb burger (red-wine griddled onions, tomato, brie and mint-pesto mayonnaise) or Alberta pork roast and crispy pork belly (with smokey white bean ragout, brussels sprouts, apples and tomato marmalade)
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Course 1: Celery veloute (crumbled blue cheese)
Course 2: Wild-mushroom-crusted sirloin salad (red-beet vinaigrette, field berries and toasted wheat kernels)
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Blue Plate Diner

Course 1: Mixed green salad (served with blackberries, red onion, crumbled goat cheese and pomegranate vinaigrette)
Course 2: Pheasant legs — two ways (confit and southern-fried pheasant legs, served with taro root chips and wilted kale)
Course 3: Individual lemon-mascarpone tart (topped with a saffron-poppy seed whipped cream)
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Fired zookeeper wants his job back

Calgary. Staffer recounts being bitten, dragged after gorillas escaped into kitchen



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Fired for leaving unlatched a door that allowed gorillas to enter an off-limits kitchen area, a former keeper with the Calgary Zoo says he plans to appeal to get his job back.

Garth Irvine had been in his role at the zoo for nearly 25 years, but last Friday morning he encountered a situation unlike any before.

Irvine entered a staff kitchen area next to the gorilla enclosure to find three female apes inside. He claims he moved quickly to usher them out of the area but in the process started a roughly 455-pound silverback named Kakinga.

"He charged ... he pinned

me down, he gave me a small bite, he flipped me over and dragged me about six feet and then he ran away," Irvine told Metro in an exclusive interview.

Irvine then managed to radio for help. He estimates the situation was resolved in less than seven minutes.

But the zoo announced this week it was firing Irvine, who had also previously taken responsibility for leaving a knife

inside the enclosure in 2009 that was then picked up by a gorilla. A photo of the primate holding the knife near a fellow enclosure mate garnered international headlines, but a report later cleared the zoo of any wrongdoing.

Then, in 2010, Irvine also took the blame for an incident that saw two giant snakes slither down an uncovered drain. The pair were missing for nearly 24 hours.

Still, Irvine told Metro Thursday that in an environment with so many moving parts, mishaps are bound to happen. "I would say absolutely everyone does make mistakes."

And that's why Irvine said he is planning to kick-start an appeal process.

Irvine said he's also exploring other opportunities, including a possible career as a public speaker.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Canada out of UN's top 10 most-developed countries

Canada has slipped out of the top 10 countries listed in the annual United Nations human-development index — a far cry from the 1990s, when it held first place for most of the decade.

The 2013 report, which reviews a country's performance in health, education and income, places Canada in 11th place versus 10th last year.

A closer look shows Canada actually did better than last year, but other countries such as Japan and Australia im-

proved at a greater rate.

When the numbers are adjusted for gender inequality, Canada slumps to 18th place. The U.S. fares even worse — sinking from third to 42nd.

But the main finding of the report, entitled The Rise of the South, is positive. It says countries that had previously struggled with poverty and inequality are now on a steady developmental climb.

Even those at the bottom of the list, Niger and the Democratic Republic of Congo, are



Canada is in 11th place on the UN's index. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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Pope Francis puts humility on display

First day. The new Pope eschews the ceremonial trappings of his predecessor

Pope Francis put his humility on display during his first day as pontiff on Thursday, stopping by his hotel to pick up his luggage and pay the bill himself in a decidedly different style of papacy than his tradition-minded predecessor, who tended to stay ensconced in the frescoed halls of the Vatican.

The break from Benedict XVI's pontificate was evident even in Francis's wardrobe choices: He kept the simple iron pectoral cross of his days as bishop and eschewed the red cape that Benedict wore when he was presented to the world for the first time in

2005 — choosing instead the simple white cassock of the papacy.

And in his first mass as pope, Francis showed how different he would be as a pastor, giving an off-the-cuff homily about the need to walk with God, build up His church and confess — at one point referring to children building sandcastles on the beach.

It was a far simpler message than the dense, three-page discourse Benedict delivered in Latin during his first mass as pope in 2005.

The difference in style was a sign of Francis's belief that the Catholic Church needs to be at one with the people it serves and not impose its message on a society that often doesn't want to hear it, Francis's authorized biographer, Sergio Rubin, said in an interview on Thursday.

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What's in a face: Mexico-based facial-communication psychologist Miriam Cervantes Rodriguez analyzes the new pontiff's visage

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Eyebrows

Observer. Close to the eyes, which denotes that he keeps himself focused, with sustained attention. Very observant.

Eyelashes

Apprehensive. Small and thin. Indicate nervousness.

Ears

Analytical. Low, large and open: Key for decision-making that requires repeated analysis of information. Has a lot of physical energy.

Chin

Intense. Shows its intensity to achieve objectives; does not cave to pressure and can be aggressive if necessary.



Frontal sinuses

Innovative. Shows rich imagination, ingenuity and initiative. Creative, active, selective and, in general, of optimistic nature.

Irises

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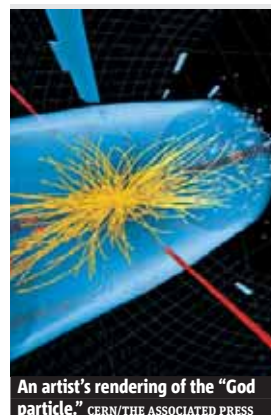
Physicists close to proving existence of 'God particle'

Building block of universe. Discovery would be contender for Nobel Prize

The search is all but over for a subatomic particle that is considered a crucial building block of the universe.

Physicists said Thursday they believe they have discovered the subatomic particle predicted nearly a half-century ago, which will go a long way toward explaining what gives all matter in the universe size and shape.

The elusive particle, called a Higgs boson, was predicted in 1964 to help fill in our understanding of the creation of the universe, which many theorize occurred in a mas-



An artist's rendering of the "God particle." CERN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"God particle."

The discovery would be a strong contender for the Nobel Prize. Last July, scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, announced finding a particle they described as Higgs-like, but they stopped short of saying conclusively that it was the same particle or was some version of it.

Scientists have now finished going through the entire set of data.

"The preliminary results with the full 2012 data set are magnificent and to me it is clear that we are dealing with a Higgs boson, though we still have a long way to go to know what kind of Higgs boson it is," said Joe Incandella, a physicist who heads one of the two main teams at CERN.

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sive explosion known as the Big Bang. The particle was named for Peter Higgs, one of the physicists who proposed its existence, but it later became popularly known as the

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NFL urged to look into alleged sexual orientation queries

N.Y. attorney general speaks out. NFL spokesperson says discrimination is not tolerated in the league

New York state's top legal official asked the NFL on Tuesday to investigate whether potential players were improperly asked about their sexual orientation during the league's annual skills exhibition for incoming college players, which he said is illegal in New York.

Attorney General Eric Schneiderman asked National Football League commissioner Roger Goodell to schedule a meeting on the matter.

"We ask that the league immediately issue a statement

'Do you have a girlfriend?'

"(Teams) ask you, like, 'Do you have a girlfriend?' 'Are you married?' 'Do you like girls?'" said Colorado tight end Nick Kasa last month during an ESPN Radio interview.

- Since then, Michigan's Denard Robinson and Michigan State's Le'Veon Bell have both indicated that they were asked similar questions.

that any form of discrimination or harassment on the basis of sexual orientation by league teams or players against potential recruits or players constitutes a violation of state, local and, in some cases, contractor law and will not be tolerated,"



The NFL says questions about a potential player's sexual orientation are contrary to their policy.

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Schneiderman said in a letter dated Thursday and released to news organizations.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said the league was already looking into the issue and would discuss it at its meeting next week in Phoenix.

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A researcher at the lab at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory.
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Who can benefit from mtDNA?

The answer may surprise you.

- It's not just living people who can have mtDNA testing done. The Paleo-DNA laboratory at Lakehead University is often tasked with testing degraded archeological material dug up at ancient burial sites around the world.
- Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager, said because mtDNA is the most

plentiful type of DNA, it is usually all that's left to answer many of the questions archeologists have about their discoveries.

- "The mitochondrial DNA can tell us whether the two individuals found in the same burial are related maternally or not ... and we kind of tell roughly where these people originated from in the world," he explained.

Research. DNA serves as an important and interesting research tool in discovering where your ancestors were really from



SHANE GIBSON
Metro in Winnipeg

Digging through family records and talking to grandpa are good sources for starting a family tree. But to go a little further back — say 100,000 years — everything you want to know is already inside of you.

Well, it's in your mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), to be more precise, and researchers at Lakehead University's Paleo-DNA laboratory in Thunder Bay, Ont., can use it to trace lineage way, way back.

"We deal with deep ancestry here," explained Stephen Fratpietro, the lab's technical manager.

"Basically your mitochondrial DNA can date back anywhere from 10,000 years ago to 120,000 years ago ... so you can find out things like if you came right from Africa or somewhere in Europe.

"We're talking about hundreds of generations."

Because mtDNA is only passed down on the mother's side, Fratpietro explained it is perfect for DNA detectives like him to use for research.

By analyzing the mutations in mtDNA taken from a simple swab of the inside of the cheek, researchers can determine exactly how new or how old your genetics are, where in the world they come from and who you're related too.

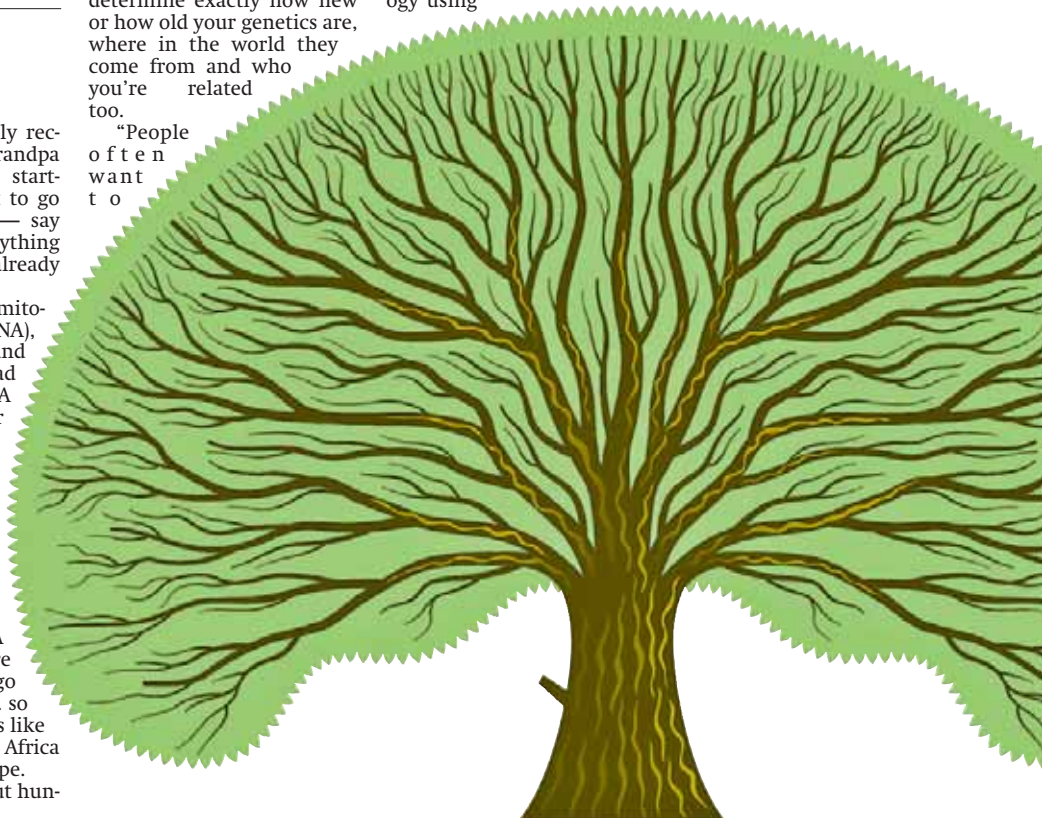
"People often want to

know where their genetics came from," said Fratpietro.

"If you're trying to figure out if you're related to a long lost relative, like a fifth cousin twice removed or something, you can try to establish a common maternal lineage through genealogy using

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We tested three people to find out what their mtDNA would reveal. The results are in...

Subject 1: Female

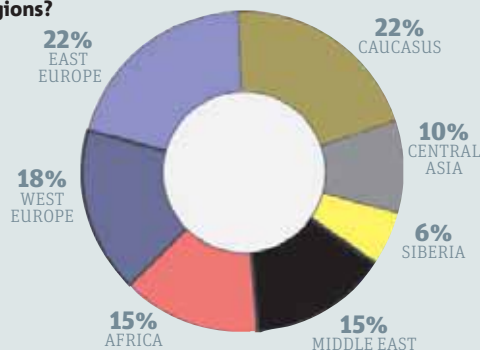
Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted (OK, you've heard that before). I don't really know anything in terms of who created me or what my roots are — which clearly defines who I am today. Yes, I'm super curious! Culturally, this is also a factor. I'm half-Chinese and half-Caucasian (of some sort) and was adopted by Japanese people.

What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject one belongs to haplogroup U3. Haplogroup U hypothetically first appeared about 55,000 to 60,000 years ago. Bryan Sykes, author of *The Seven Daughters of Eve* named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Ursula. Haplogroup U descended from Haplogroup R, which lived just after a second migration wave out of Africa, says the report. Haplogroup U has an extremely broad geographic distribution that ranges from Europe and North Africa to India and Central Asia due to numerous subsequent migrations. Although some members of haplogroup U migrated north into Scandinavia and others moved south into North Africa, most haplogroup U members stem from a group that moved northward out of the Near East, crossing the rugged Caucasus Mountains in southern Russia and moving on to the steppes of the Black Sea, then west to the present-day Baltic States and western Eurasia.

How frequently does the U haplogroup appear in different regions?



Subject 1's reaction

"Reading the results, I was very surprised to see that the majority of my DNA was not comprised as much from Asia as I initially thought. I've always thought I was a mix of just about everything but was surprised that it was mostly from eastern Europe and western Asia."

Subject 2: Female

Why did you want to take part?

"I was adopted when I was young and I know almost nothing about my biological ancestors. Knowing where I came from would give me a better understanding of who I am."

What the Paleo-DNA Laboratory discovered

Subject two belongs to haplogroup J and subject three belongs to J2. This means they share a maternal ancestor somewhere in the very distant past. Haplogroup J theoretically first appeared in the Near East about 50,000 years ago.

Sykes named the originator of this mitochondrial (mt) DNA haplogroup Jasmine. Haplogroup J derives from the haplogroup JT, which also gave rise to Haplogroup T. Haplogroup J is associated with the Neolithic expansion, the first use of agriculture, into Europe approximately 12,000 to 10,000 years ago.

Groups of hunter-gatherers and subsistence fishermen had been occupying much of Eurasia for tens of thousands of years when a group of modern humans living in the Fertile Crescent (present-day eastern Turkey and northern Syria) began domesticating the plants, nuts and seeds they had been foraging about 10,000

Subject 2's reaction

"Since I'm adopted, I really had no expectations about what would be discovered, but I certainly did not expect to have any common ancestry with another person taking part in this story! I found it incredible how far back they were able to look. It was surprising to me that I have Arabian ancestry. I'd definitely not have guessed that."

Subject 3's reaction

It's a bit of a surprise that those with my genetic makeup are found primarily in the Middle East, specifically in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni population belong to my genetic group. Although Pakistan, where I was born, isn't that far off geographically speaking, it means somewhere down the line my ancestors migrated to South Asia. I wouldn't blame them. We got the best mangoes.

Subject 3: Male

Why did you want to take part?

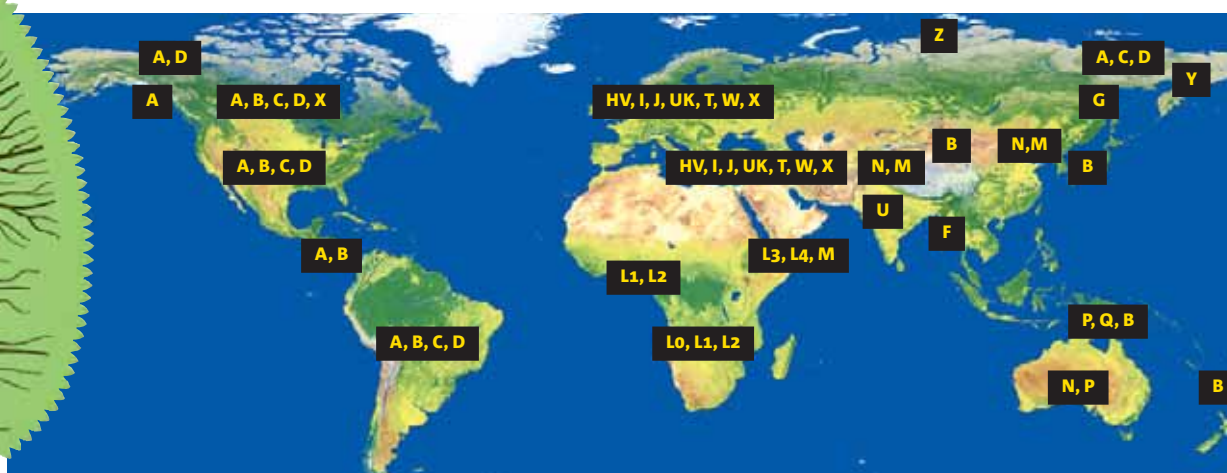
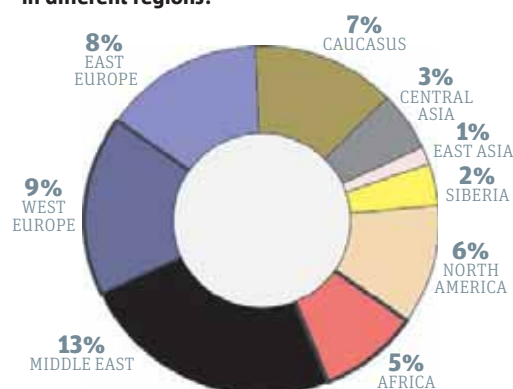
"I was born in a part of the world where there were people coming in from various empires over various time periods. It's a jambalaya of Arabs, Indians, Iranians, Mongolians and a plethora of other people. I always wanted to figure out what mix I came from."

years ago, the report adds.

Haplogroup J's most recent common ancestor likely made their homeland around the Levant, a coastal region in what is now Lebanon. The highest frequency of the haplogroup is found in Arabia where around 25 per cent of the Bedouin and Yemeni belong to this haplogroup.

The J1 subclade accounts for almost 70 per cent of the total J population. The J1 subclade occurs throughout the European continent including Britain. The J2 subclade is 10,000 years older than subclade J1. The J2 subclade is more localized along the Mediterranean and especially the Balkan Peninsula. J2 population are actually quite diverse and range from the Mansi and other Ob River populations in Western Siberia (10 per cent of the J2 population) to populations of Northern Iran (five per cent of the J2 population), adds the report.

How frequently does the J haplogroup appear in different regions?



Where are they from? Distribution of major MtDNA haplogroups

What is a haplogroup?

- A haplogroup is a category that is used to group similar mtDNA profiles.
- These profiles have common mutations in their DNA that make them similar to each other but different to other haplogroups.
- Haplogroups are classified in capital letters and can have subgroups which are denoted with numbers. For example L1, L2, L3.

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PKP steps aside as Quebecor CEO

Media. Péladeau will still guide corporate strategy and remain Quebecor Media chair

The high-profile and sometimes controversial CEO of Quebecor Inc. is stepping down to have more personal time, but Pierre Karl Péladeau will still have influence over his company's corporate strategy.

Péladeau, known by his nickname PKP in French and English, will remain as chairman of one of its main subsidiaries, Quebecor

Media. That division includes newspapers hit by weak advertising and recent layoffs and will require some of his attention to improve it.

Péladeau said he will provide advice and leadership on strategic projects "vital" to the media and telecom company, but also cited family and philanthropy as reasons for stepping down.

His executive duties will be taken over by Robert Dépatie, who has been president and CEO of Quebecor's cash-generating Videotron cable and Internet service since 2003.

Becoming more involved with philanthropic activities

Quoted

"Because one cannot be a part-time CEO, I have decided to retire from this position and devote my life to other pursuits."

Outgoing Quebecor Inc. CEO Pierre Karl Péladeau, speaking on a conference call after the company released its quarterly results Thursday.

is something his late father would support, Péladeau said.

"My dad used to say when you receive so much in life, you must give back even more."

But Péladeau, 51, also will be vice-chairman of Quebecor Inc., founded by his father Pierre Péladeau in the

mid-1960s based on newspapers and printing.

Under the younger Péladeau's leadership, Quebecor grew its cable and television subscribers, acquired more newspapers, started home phone service and launched a wireless division to appeal to mobile phone users.

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Pierre Karl Péladeau, left, will no longer be CEO of Quebecor Inc. He'll be replaced by Robert Dépatie, who has been president and CEO of Quebecor's Videotron cable and Internet service. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Free-trade negotiations

Harper, Ayrault tout progress on Canada-EU deal

"Considerable progress" has been made towards a free-trade deal between Canada and the EU, but there are still outstanding issues that must be settled before an agreement can be finalized, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday during a visit to Ottawa by French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault.

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Going after Big Tobacco

Court reapproves landmark ruling on smoking lawsuits

The Florida Supreme Court has decided not to upset its own 1996 landmark "Engle" deci-

sion that makes it easier for thousands of sick smokers or their survivors to pursue lawsuits against tobacco companies. The court reapproved the decision as it affirmed a \$2.5-million US jury verdict in the death of smoker Charlotte Douglas. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.K. media scandal

Cameron pushes plan for press self-regulation

British Prime Minister David Cameron says he'll champion self-regulation for Britain's scandal-tainted press, bucking a key recommendation of his own media inquiry and setting up what might be a bruising confrontation with coalition colleagues. "I've chosen a practical solution over an unworkable solution," he said.

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March 21. Federal budget will hold line on restraint

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty will deliver the federal budget on March 21, a plan that is expected to be an exercise in restraint as the minister remains focused on his goal of balancing the books by 2015.

Coming at a time of anemic economic growth, the budget is likely to stay the course of fiscal restraint, without any goodies.

But Flaherty downplayed the slower-than-expected economic growth Thursday as he announced the budget date. "It's an interim concern, it's not a long-term concern in terms of real GDP growth and, as you know, our target is to balance the budget in 2015," the minister said. "We remain on target and I look forward to answering many more questions next Thursday after the budget."

Real GDP grew at an annualized rate of just 0.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of 2012, suggesting the economy stalled in

the second half of last year.

During a meeting with private-sector economists last week, Flaherty was told to expect real GDP growth of 1.5 per cent to 1.8 per cent in 2013.

That compared with the two per cent Ottawa forecast in its November update and the 2.4 per cent projection in last spring's budget.

To make up for the shortfalls in government revenue because of the lower growth, the minister has suggested he may need to trim spending and close tax loopholes. Flaherty has said he will not raise taxes or cut transfers to provinces.

Benjamin Tal, deputy chief economist of CIBC World Markets, said the goal of balancing the budget by 2015 is ambitious, but strong economic growth in 2014 would go a long way to helping the government hit its target.

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Galaxy S4 features

While the S4 doesn't have eye tracking, as rumoured, it does have the following:

- A five-inch screen, an up-graded processor, and a battery 20 per cent larger than the S III's. Samsung didn't say if that translates into a longer battery life.
- Several new technologies to help users interact with the phone. For instance, the screen now senses fingers hovering just above it, and some applications react. The mail application shows the first few lines of an email when a finger hovers above it in the list, and the gallery application shows an expanded thumbnail.
- Users can control some other applications by making gestures in the air above the phone. In the browser, you can command the screen to scroll up by swiping from top to bottom a few inches from the phone.
- The camera application can now use both the front and rear cameras simultaneously, inserting a small picture of the user even as she's capturing the scene in front of her.
- A built-in infra-red diode, so it can control an entertainment centre as a universal remote. This is a feature that has showed up in Android tablets before.
- A tool that lets users create a dividing line so part of the phone is devoted exclusively to work while the other part is filled with personal information and photos. The feature is similar to a function on the latest BlackBerry.

Samsung's new flagship phone turns up heat



People interact with the new Samsung Galaxy S4 on Thursday after it was revealed at an event in New York City. ALLISON JOYCE/GETTY IMAGES

Smartphone wars.

Galaxy S4 boasts larger screen and new ways to interact with device

the end of June.

All told, Samsung plans to offer the Galaxy S4 through 327 carriers in 155 countries, giving it a wider reach than Apple's iPhone 5.

Samsung didn't say what the phone will cost. JK Shin, the executive in charge of Samsung's mobile communications division, promised the money would be well spent for a "life companion" that will "improve the way most people live every day."

That bold promise set the tone for the kind of flashy presentation associated with the showmanship of Apple, the company that Samsung has been trying to upstage. Apple contends Samsung has been trying to do it by stealing its ideas — an allegation that has triggered bitter courtroom battles around the world.

In the last two years, Samsung has emerged as Apple's main competitor in the high-end smartphone market.

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Contact: Cindy Lipsett; Jackie Ellice; Daniella Eggink
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COMPANY TATTOOED ON HIS SKIN

1 Stompin' Tom memorial. The likes of Sylvia Tyson, Dave Bidini, Adrienne Clarkson and Ken Dryden gave a farewell to remember at his public memorial Wednesday at the Memorial Centre in Peterborough, Ont. — the city in which Connors received his Stompin' Tom moniker in 1967 during a King George Tavern gig. I was at the touching memorial, and it was one of those special patriotic nights I'll never forget.

2 New Pope = Twitter frenzy. Twitter went nuts Wednesday when white smoke billowed above the Vatican and Pope Francis was revealed. About 130 million tweets were sent after the announcement was made. Even the official papal twitter account, @pontifex, was reactivated that day, and the account has nearly two million followers.

3 Bachelor finale. It was the most dramatic Bachelor finale yet — or wait, it always is. Anyway, Sean was hot for teacher Lindsay but his heart was with Catherine, who accepted his proposal. The Bachelor has a spotty romantic track record, but this will work. It's the law of averages. Plus Sean and Catherine have decid-



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ed to marry on TV. They can't let millions of viewers wearing rose-coloured glasses down.

4 Dare to Wear Gala. This charity fashion runway event by Toronto designers/couple Chris Tyrell and Jim Searle raises money in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation in its fight against AIDS in Africa. It takes place March 22 and is the highlight of the Dare to Wear Love campaign and Toronto Fashion Week. Learn more at daretowearlove.com.

5 @Stats_Canada: The book. One of my fave parody Twitter accounts, @Stats_Canada, which tweets out awesome stats that aren't real stats about Canada but could be — e.g. "78% of Canadians are angry with someone, but will never show it" — is being adapted into a book.

Stats Canada: Statire on a National Scale, by its anonymous creators, is out this Fall. Ninety-one percent of Canadians will buy it.

6 Small-town love/hate. The Twitter account @smalltownprobs about life in a small town is a gem with tweets like, "You drove a tractor pretty much before you could walk," "You run into your parents while skipping class" and "People don't use turn signals

cause you know where they're going." And it's becoming a big-city hit, with 100,000-plus followers.

7 Roll Up the Rim. I always love this Tim Hortons promo, and for this campaign and all future ones they do, I decided that instead of using the winning coffee and doughnuts for myself, I can do better. All coffee and doughnuts I win will go to the homeless. So far, I've won four. Winning has never felt better.

8 Real Hipsters of Vancouver. A casting call has gone out for a pilot episode for a reality show called Real Hipsters of Vancouver. Its creators envision showing that hipsters aren't just slackers wearing plaid and drinking bad beer, but are ambitious, creative people wearing plaid and drinking bad beer while following a dream.

9 Netflixed. A man shared his love for the video-streaming service by getting a Netflix tattoo in honour of it. When he tweeted his tat to them, the company responded by giving the guy a free year of service. I'm going to get a logo of every company I'm paying bills to tattooed on my skin, tweet them pictures of it and see how much I can save.

10 St. Patrick's Day. It's St. Paddy's Day this Sunday. Have a great one.

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Observatory makes galactic find

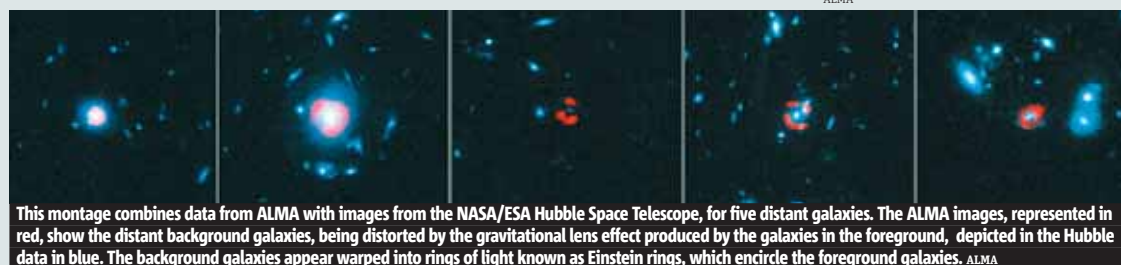


Stars found to be older than once thought

The world's most powerful telescope (pictured at left) unveiled this week has already made its first discovery: Galaxies as bright as 40 trillion suns. The stars, seen by the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA) in Chile, started some 12.7 billion years ago when the universe was only one billion years old.

Experts already know that starbursts — bright periods of fast star creation — were more common in the early universe than today. But these groundbreaking images taken at an altitude of 5,000 metres on the remote Chajnantor Plateau in the Chilean Andes reveal that stellar birth occurred a full billion years earlier in the universe than previously thought.

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This montage combines data from ALMA with images from the NASA/ESA Hubble Space Telescope, for five distant galaxies. The ALMA images, represented in red, show the distant background galaxies, being distorted by the gravitational lens effect produced by the galaxies in the foreground, depicted in the Hubble data in blue. The background galaxies appear warped into rings of light known as Einstein rings, which encircle the foreground galaxies. ALMA

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Bandcamp is an online store where fans can buy music directly from the artist, with the added bonus of allowing us to preview entire albums. It's a great model that has lured plenty of artists to set up shop there, including these Canadians:



Sean Nicolas Savage

This Montreal artist has a fairly robust selection of six albums to choose from, but none quite as dreamy as *Flamingo*. A light-as-a-feather collection of whispered ballads tailor-made for quiet mornings.

White Lung

The tags on White Lung's page may be a bit intimidating, but there's nothing to fear if you happen to be a fan of slithering guitars, pummelled drums and an irresistible frontwoman.

Bear Mountain

A sample-heavy dance party from Vancouver best enjoyed with a great pair of headphones and a sunny-day stroll.

Letters

Best and worst of St. Paddy's Day

Like any kid who grew up in a predominantly Irish home, I was dragged to Irish dance classes and forced to wear a green ribbon in my curly locks. Make no mistake, I'm Irish.

Although I've always been proud of my heritage, I've only grudgingly endured the annual celebratory displays of it, cringing at the way every year "Irish" becomes simultaneously synonymous with "adorable wee folk" and "public urination." Pot o' gold! Always after me Lucky Charms! Blah Blah blarney!

Because I love my family and I love my identity, in a way that has nothing to do with shamrock shakes and green beer or great throngs of people celebrating intoxication and cereal-box leprechauns. And I'm Irish enough to know that stupid stereotypes can Pog Mo Thoin! According to legend, St. Patrick banished snakes from the rock and used a shamrock to teach the concept of the Holy Trinity. Maybe he can do something about the commercialization.

Anyway, Erin go braugh to ya.

Lisa Perry, Victoria, B.C.

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• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

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Steve Carell, Steve Buscemi and Olivia Wilde star in *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*. HANDOUT

Where's the magic?

The Incredible Burt Wonderstone. A

stellar cast and some funny moments aren't enough to keep an audience spellbound

Richard: Mark, I kept waiting for *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone* to pull a rabbit out of its hat and get really funny, and yet the rabbit never appeared. I fail to see how Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Steve Buscemi and Alan Arkin can share a marquee and have the movie fall so flat. Each has a potentially great comedic character and the premise should have been ripe for parody, but instead we get an only occasionally amusing movie.

Was it a magical experience for you?

Mark: Actually, Richard, I smiled right through the movie, which I didn't expect because like all comedians, I hate magic. And I think the shots taken at both the overblown, wheezy Vegas magic productions, and the new, punk, Jackass-style magic were both very funny. The satire worked for me, the sentimentality less so. There are a lot of good showbiz jokes along the way, and I thought Jim Carrey was perfectly cast as the anything-for-a-thrill Chris Angel type. Richard, what did you think of Carrey?

RC: He was the highlight for me. No one plays controlled chaos like Carrey and I thought his increasingly self-

aggrandizing behaviour was the best thing in the movie. It was Carell that let me down. He's too likable an actor to pull off Wonderstone's egotistical, one-note womanizing act. The fake tan and mullet do some of the work, but it never feels real, and even less so when he falls into Woody Allen territory during his romantic redemption with a love interest 23 years younger. On top of that his gearshift down from narcissist to nice guy doesn't come off as anything but generic and predictable. Nothing magical about it.

MB: Absolutely right. And I felt the same way about Steve Buscemi. Olivia Wilde is just the affordable Megan Fox. But isn't it amazing how Alan Arkin can steal EVERY scene in EVERY movie he's in?

RC: I thought Buscemi and Wilde weren't really given enough to do to make any lasting impression. They play decent, nice people and in a movie like this, featuring raging egotists and insane illusionists, nice guys and gals do finish last. Arkin isn't given much to do either, although he does have a nice gag or two, but at least he remembered to pack his trademarked deadpan delivery in his bag of tricks.

MB: I didn't like the way the movie romanticized rooty card tricks and sleight of hand as somehow more morally authentic than the glitzy Vegas magic. But I was still entertained enough to enjoy large parts of the movie, mostly in the first half.

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Veronica Mars movie gets a \$2M kick start

Dreaming big. Show's creator Rob Thomas and star Kristen Bell break Kickstarter records for raising money to make feature film

SAM CASTONE
Metro World News

How to make \$2 million in one day: Step 1: Create a beloved TV series, called Veronica Mars, starring Kristen Bell as a sassy teen detective. Step 2: End the show in its prime, leaving fans craving a movie version. Step 3: Wait eight years and put your movie idea on Kickstarter, the crowdfunding website, offering fans prizes for donating cash, used to complete said film. Step 4: Watch as the money rolls in — in less than 24 hours.

At press time, Bell and Mars creator Rob Thomas raised more than \$2.5 million, with money still coming. The film is a go, and shoots this summer.

"Holy cow, what a day," Thomas wrote his fans. "As of 4 a.m. CT, we're just over \$2.5 million. We couldn't be happier. We really couldn't. My wife says I'm insufferable, but she said that four days ago in anticipation of a day like today."

The campaign, launched Wednesday, broke records. It was the fastest Kickstarter project to raise \$1 million, much less \$2 million. It's the



Kristen Bell, who played Veronica Mars. HANDOUT

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"Kristen and I met with the Warner Bros. brass, and they agreed to allow us to take this shot"

Veronica Mars Rob Thomas on the origins of the Kickstarter idea for a Veronica Mars movie

first studio-backed project to raise this much money (Warner Brothers owns the show). "Kristen and I met with the Warner Bros. brass, and they agreed to allow us to take this shot," Thomas wrote on the Kickstarter page. "They were

extremely cool about it, as a matter of fact. Their reaction was, if you can show there's enough fan interest to warrant a movie, we're on board. So this is it."

Donations ranged from \$10 (for a PDF of the script) to \$10,000 (for a speaking role).

Besides a Mars movie, the success also has wide implications for Hollywood. Fans can now demand entertainment, and fund it, and studios may be more willing to let creators have control. What's next? A proper Deadwood finale? A Freaks and Geeks reunion? A Firefly Christmas special?

Evil Dead. Remake stays loyal to the camp and gratuitous fire hose blood

Plans to remake the 1981 cult horror film Evil Dead may have brought some initial skepticism, but with the original filmmakers behind the scenes and a fresh-faced director and cast to inject youthful enthusiasm, the South by Southwest festival crowd welcomed the reboot with open arms.

Sam Raimi, who directed the original, and Bruce Campbell, who starred in it, produced the new Evil Dead. Fede Alvarez, a Uruguayan directing his first feature-length film, oversaw a small cast.

The film reimagines the plot of the first Evil Dead but replaced the original five college students on vacation with five high school friends reuniting to help one of them kick a drug addiction. When they find the Book of the Dead in their cabin, a demon emerges to possess the students one by one until only one remains.



Gone is the iconic hero Ash, played by Campbell, with Alvarez taking a more ensemble approach that gives Levy and Fernandez equal time.

The mix of fire hose blood spray, psychological terror and black humour, though, remain true to the campy original that

boiled the horror movie genre down to its essence. Robert Tapert, who produced the original and the remake, said Evil Dead was intended for drive-in movies and crowded theatres, but most fans only discovered it on VHS or DVD years later.

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Drama

Rust and Bone

Director. Jacques Audiard

Stars. Marion Cotillard, Matthias Schoenaerts and Armand Verdure

Vagrant Ali is given custody of his son when his wife is found to have used the five-year-old as a drug mule. Ali is hardly the ideal parent. But he meets Stéphanie, who lost both legs in an aquarium whale attack, and discovers his selflessness, long buried. Ali and Stéphanie's stories are the dramatic bones of the film, but its heart is the little boy.

ANNE BRODIE

Thriller

The Call

Director. Brad Anderson

Stars. Halle Berry, Abigail Breslin, Michael Eklund

When Casey comes to in the trunk of a car, the frantic teen does what most would — she calls 9-1-1. The call is the beginning of an intense cat-and-mouse game as dispatcher Jordan (Berry) tries to track Casey's abductor and save the girl's life. Like many Hollywood thrillers, the film loses its audience when it ventures from the acceptable to the ridiculous.

REGAN REID

Historical Drama

A Royal Affair

Director. Nikolaj Arcel

Stars. Mads Mikkelsen, Alicia Vikander

Sumptuously designed and as thrilling as any contemporary Hollywood film, the Danish A Royal Affair — nominated for an Oscar for Best Foreign Film — is superlative filmmaking. In it, Mads Mikkelsen stars as Struensee, an enlightened country doctor circa late-1700s Denmark who is enlisted to be the soft-headed boy-king Christian IV's personal physician.

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No Arkin magic

"See, I don't give a damn anymore ... I'm going to die soon. It doesn't matter. I say anything that comes.

"The magician came over to me on the first day and said we have to work. I said get away from me. Don't get anywhere near me. I said for me to learn what I'm supposed to do in this movie would have taken me four years. I said it's not going to happen. Just keep away from me. I said they'll do it in CGI and that's enough."

Alan Arkin on why he refused to learn any magic tricks for his role as an elderly magician in the new film *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone*.

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Sunscreen the law in the world of Jennifer Garner

After Argo. Star talks about her gown at the Oscars and how her hubby Ben Affleck stole the show

Jennifer Garner tries not to look at reviews of the outfits she wears because, inevitably, someone isn't going to like it.

"It's not good for my self-esteem," she said Wednesday while in New York to open the Neutrogena Sun Summit.

The exception was after the Oscars last month. Garner's violet-coloured, custom-made Gucci gown was a winner — but that wasn't what she was looking for after husband Ben Affleck's film *Argo* won best picture. "I revelled in all those good pictures of him," she said.

Garner, a Neutrogena spokeswoman, practises what she preaches when it comes to sun safety. Her children make

sure of it.

In her household, sunscreen is like seat belts: non-negotiable. Garner said while she was away Wednesday, the kids surely would remind their dad if he dropped them at school without their daily slathering.

"I think I once told my kids it was against the law not to wear sunscreen," she said.

Garner's appearance was followed by a panel discussion that included dermatologists, a NASA scientist and Mexican actress Sandra Echeverria.

An eager science student growing up, Garner, 40, said the conference's terminology — and warnings — about the ozone layer and ultraviolet rays isn't lost on her. She joked, though, that she wouldn't want to be quoted on exactly what the Helioplex formulation is or what vitamin C can do for the skin.

But she had her "a-ha" moment about sun damage in her 20s, when she was out with friends. "They all had big hats



Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck at the Oscars. GETTY IMAGES

on and I didn't.

"Suddenly you look one day and the sun damage is there ... and then you see it increase exponentially."

She'll take little credit for that Oscar night look — calling it a team effort led by Rachel Zoe. The partnership between Zoe and Garner goes back more than a decade, with Garner as the stylist's first big Hollywood client.

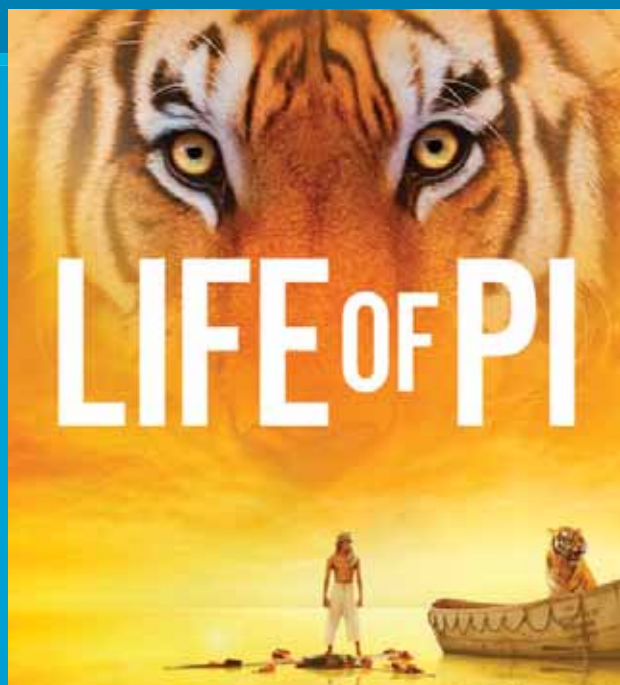
"She knows I'm not going to

wear super-crazy fashion," said Garner. Where Garner leans toward comfort, Zoe goes for fancy — and "she usually wins."

Garner's outfit Wednesday — an Oscar de la Renta sheath dress and pointy-toe pumps in black patent leather — hit the right balance. In her casual style, Garner, wearing a smile, described the look as "just a little purple Oscar number."

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Captain America? Canucks say yuck

To mark ComiCon, which took place in Toronto earlier this month, Match.com asked its members which superheroes they would most likely date. Some caped crusaders fared better than others.

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Canada's Kryptonite

Single ladies swoon over the man of steel. Most Canadian women (33 per cent) would prefer to date Superman, followed by Batman (21 per cent) and Wolverine (15 per cent).



Lovin' the lasso

Wonder Woman is the number one date choice for Canadian men — almost half of Canadian gents (48 per cent) would like to get tangled up in her lasso of love. Catwoman (30 per cent) and Batgirl (14 per cent) are runners-up in this race of love.

Coastal differences

It turns out Montrealers prefer the dark and mysterious. Unlike the rest of Canada, Montreal singles would most like to date Catwoman (47 per cent) and Batman (27 per cent). We foresee some steamy nights in the Batcave.



Superpower patriotism

The comic book character Canadian females would least like to date is Captain America. A meager seven per cent of Canadians would date this American hero.

Zero Dark Knight 52. Batman's backstory gets more Bam! Pow! Zap!

Batman's transformative years are getting a few new twists.

DC Entertainment is going back into Bruce Wayne's past to see how he began his transformation from wealthy socialite to the scourge of Gotham's criminal underworld.

Key elements of the character's history are staying the same — the murder of Wayne's parents, for example — says Scott Snyder, the writer of Batman since its relaunch debuted in 2011.

Snyder said the decision grew out of the success of the first year-and-a-half of DC's New 52, a sweeping reorganization of the publisher's characters that saw many given new origins and costumes that blended those from their first appearances decades ago with contemporary changes.

Snyder said readers will see how the crime fighter found his calling and what challenges he faced when first donning the costume of the Dark Knight.

The augmented origin be-



gins June in the pages of Batman in an 11-issue story called The Zero Year that is illustrated by Greg Capullo.

It's not so much an origin story as it is a view into Batman's formative years.

"We're not going to take apart 'Year One,'" Snyder said, referring to the Frank Miller-David Mazzucchelli four-issue arc that recounted how Wayne began to fight crime after years away.

"It's time for a new story showing how Batman became who he is in the New 52," said Snyder. "It builds up the mythology." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough times? Go zombie

Undead trend. Pop culture academic says in periods of upheaval, we turn to brain eaters to help express our dissatisfaction

Zombies seem to be everywhere these days.

In the popular TV series The Walking Dead, humans struggle to escape from a pack

of zombies hungry for flesh. Prank alerts have warned of a zombie apocalypse on radio stations in a handful of American states. And across the country, zombie wannabes in tattered clothes occasionally fill local parks, gurgling moans of the undead.

Are these just unhealthy obsessions with death and decay? To Clemson University professor Sarah Lauro, the phenomenon isn't harmful or a random fad, but part of a historical trend that mirrors a

level of cultural dissatisfaction and economic upheaval.

Lauro, who teaches English at Clemson, studied zombies while working on her doctoral degree at the University of California at Davis. Lauro said she keeps track of zombie movies, television shows and video games, but her research focuses primarily on the concept of the "zombie walk," a mass gathering of people who, dressed in the clothes and makeup of the undead, stagger about and dance.

The zombie mob originated in 2003 in Toronto, Lauro said, and popularity escalated dramatically in the United States in 2005, alongside a rise in dissatisfaction with the war in Iraq.

"It was a way that the population was getting to exercise that they felt like they hadn't been listened to by the Bush administration," Lauro said.

"Nobody really wanted that war, and yet we were going to war anyway."

The mid to late 2000s also



Zombie walks have been gaining popularity. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

saw an uptick in overall zombie popularity, perhaps prompted in part by the release of post-apocalyptic movies including Dawn of the Dead and 28 Days Later.

As of last year, Lauro said, zombie walks had been docu-

mented in 20 countries. The largest gathering drew more than 4,000 participants at the New Jersey Zombie Walk in Asbury Park, N.J., in October 2010, according to Guinness World Records.

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Devious, but not
Desperate for work

Eva Longoria. The former Housewife talks about how to find time in the day and her passion for philanthropy



Eva Longoria has committed to encouraging Latin women to further their education and start entrepreneur programs. DAN HALLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Eva Longoria hasn't slowed down since Desperate Housewives signed off after eight seasons last year. In fact, the actress says the word "lazy" isn't in her vocabulary.

"There are days when I relax but it won't be a full day. It usually means I'm gonna clean out my closet. That's relaxing for me. Or I'm gonna cook a full meal for my family and friends," Longoria, who will be 38 on Friday, said in a recent interview.

Longoria said she has no problem juggling various projects.

"I always say there's more time in the day than you think. You waste a lot of time that you don't realize," she

Multi-tasking

"When I was on Desperate Housewives, I learned two languages. I went back to school for my master's degree, I was married (to San Antonio Spurs point guard Tony Parker) and flying back and forth (between Los Angeles and Texas). You have time."

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Speaking about finding time in the day.

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Her passions also include philanthropy and politics.

She's committed to encouraging Latin women to further their education and start entrepreneurial programs. She also founded Eva's Heroes, dedicated to teens and young adults with special needs. She just wrapped up filming on Frontera, alongside Ed Harris and Michael Pena, and has endorsement deals with L'Oreal, Frito-Lay and Sheba. Longoria is also an executive producer on two upcoming TV shows.

On Ready for Love, a real-

ity dating show that will air on NBC, three matchmakers help three men find love.

Longoria says she hand-picked each of the three eligible guys.

They're "not only handsome and successful, but generous, kind and sweet human beings. ... They'll forever be friends in my life," she said.

She's also one of the executive producers of Devious Maids, alongside Desperate Housewives creator Mark Cherry.

Based on a Mexican series, it follows four maids who work in Beverly Hills but dream of their own success. The show will air on Lifetime.

While she's enjoying TV production, Longoria said, "I love the medium of television. I'll definitely be back. I'll definitely come back one day."

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TV Picks



Kitchen Nightmares returns with a new episode Friday. HANDOUT

Fieri swings by T.O., Ramsay rages in Seattle

Guy Fieri's popular travel show *Diners, Drive-ins and Dives*, visits Toronto for the first time Friday hitting up Hey Meatball, a popular eatery in Little Italy. (Food Network Canada). On the flipside Friday there's a new *Kitchen Nightmares* with Gordon Ramsay hoping to turn around a disappointing Greek restaurant in Seattle, which is being run into the ground by feuding family members. (Global)

Nicole Kidman wins as Woolf

On Saturday, OWN is airing the 2002 drama *The Hours*, which earned Nicole Kidman a best-actress Oscar for her portrayal of writer Virginia Woolf. Meryl Streep and Julianne Moore co-star as two women whose lives are interconnected by Woolf's novel *Mrs. Dalloway*. Other film choices include Ridley Scott's sweeping epic *Kingdom of Heaven*. (E)

Saturday night's all right for digging

Savage Family Diggers follows a clan of relic hunters who go to great lengths to recover valuable items around the U.S. Patriarch Ric Savage is a former professional wrestler-turned-artifact recovery expert who finds treasures with his wife Rita and their sons Giuseppe and Nick. In Saturday's episode, they excavate a Second World War POW camp in Virginia Beach. (Spike)

Holy Simpsons parody, Batman!

Sunday's new episode of *The Simpsons*, entitled *Dark Knight Court*, riffs on the Batman franchise. Mr. Burns wants to follow through on his dream of becoming a superhero, Fruit Bat Man. Janet Reno also lends her voice to the episode. (Global)

Game of Thrones' tough new heroine

Rose Leslie. Scottish actress plays Ygritte, the strong, conniving wildling who builds an unlikely relationship with Jon Snow in season three

She had no previous experience wielding weapons or marching through knee-deep snow across frigid glaciers, but 26-year-old Scottish actress Rose Leslie said it felt pretty natural stepping into the role of Ygritte on *Game of Thrones*.

The cutthroat competition she's used to as an actress doesn't compare to the conniving backstabbing that's ever-present in George R. R. Martin's *A Song of Ice and Fire* fantasy books, which the show is based on, but Leslie nevertheless felt a kinship with her tough-as-nails character.

"As a young actor kind of starting off in an industry that is so difficult and competitive, you've got to be strong, there's got to be an element of ambition there and you've got to be tough and determined in your own way," says Leslie, who's played strong female characters before — she was the ambitious housemaid Gwen Dawson in the first season of *Downton Abbey*, who was determined to rise above her station in life and become a secretary.



Actress Rose Leslie plays Ygritte on *Game of Thrones*. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"What stuck with me with Ygritte was how phenomenal-ly independent and fierce she is and she's a strong, determined young lady in control with every situation."

"So I felt (Ygritte). Of course, you step it up once you do become the character ... but it wasn't difficult stepping into that role, where she is so dominant and powerful and she knows what she wants."

Ygritte emerged as one of the most compelling new characters of the show's second season, introduced when she is captured by Jon Snow and other members of the Night's Watch.

She's unflinchingly ready for death, but when Jon Snow doesn't have the stomach to kill her, she plots how to turn the tables, bides her time, and eventually does go from captive to captor.

Brace yourself

Leslie was mostly tight-lipped about the third season (premiering March 31 on HBO Canada) but here's a hint or two on what to expect.

- Ygritte is briefly seen in an official trailer sporting a bow and arrow and in a blink-and-you'll-miss-it peek at a sex scene.
- "We see the show's beloved characters get tested and pushed to the extreme and I think viewers are going to be pleasantly surprised, but ultimately shocked as well," Leslie says.

Leslie appreciated how multi-dimensional the character is and enjoyed how her Ygritte develops an unlikely relationship with Jon Snow.

"She has a flip side ... she doesn't take herself too seriously and she can be playful and bounce that off her ruthlessness," says Leslie.

"But dominantly she is a killer, she is brutal and has been brought up in these harsh surroundings and therefore is harsh and brutal herself."

Leslie was in Toronto to launch a travelling *Game of Thrones* exhibit of costumes and props from the show, which runs at the Design Exchange through Saturday.

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Bubl  has much bigger fish to fry

Michael Bubl  has sold millions of albums, but as he readies the release of his newest project, he's less concerned with his future sales, thanks to his wife's pregnancy.

"I'm nervous and excited, and truly I think it's given me great perspective," the singer said at the music video shoot for his new single, It's a Beautiful Day.

"I used to worry about how the single would do and how the record would sell. And the truth is, I love this record. I'm so proud of it. But, at the end of the day, if it sells 10 million or 10 copies, I've got bigger fish to fry," he continued. "I've got a wife and a kid I love very much."

Bubl  married Argentine actress Luisana Lopilato in 2011. They



Michael Bubl  has a new baby and a new album on the way.
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announced in January they're expecting their first child.

Most of Bubl 's albums have reached multi-platinum status, and his last three releases have hit number one on the Billboard 200

albums chart, including the triple platinum Christmas, the second bestselling album of 2011 behind Adele's 21.

His new album, To Be Loved, will be released April 23. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Proto-punks to proto-supergroup to ... protozoa?



SOUND CHECK
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Iggy Pop, Sound City Players and Marine Bugs are highlighted in this week's Sound Check



Burn/Iggy and the Stooges

They were making punk rock a decade before anyone knew what to call it. The surviving Stooges return in April with just their fifth album in 46 years.



Mantra/Sound City Players

One of my favourite parts of Dave Grohl's Sound City documentary was watching him, Josh Homme and Trent Reznor write a song together in the studio. This is the final result.



Blues for Elle/Some little marine microbes

They've dubbed the sound "microbial bebop." It's surprisingly like modern jazz.

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A tale of two Snoops: he'll always be a Dogg deep down, even as a Lion

Reincarnated. Hip hop star talks about why he put down the Dogg and responds to critics who say the move is just a gimmick

Snoop Lion won't fire back at critics who say his backing of the Rastafari movement is simply another gimmick from one of hip hop's savviest self-marketers. But Snoop Dogg will.

Reggae pioneer Bunny Wailer is the most notable skeptic. Wailer bestowed the Lion name on Snoop, but has since repeatedly questioned the 41-year-old rapper's intentions and commitment to Rasta ideology.

Asked to respond, Snoop's face registered a flash of malice followed by a devilish smile: "If I was Snoop Dogg: 'Expletive) Bunny Wailer.'



Snoop Lion poses for a portrait at the Westlake Recording Studios in Los Angeles. JORDAN STRAUSS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

But I'm Snoop Lion right now, so I'm chilling," he said.

He is using the name to release a reggae- and dancehall-focused album, Reincarnated. Produced by Major Lazer — which includes DJ-producer Diplo — it features guests ranging from

Chris Brown and Drake to Jamaica's Mr. Vegas and Mavado.

While promoting an accompanying documentary that tracks his trip to Jamaica and exploration of Rasta culture, Snoop makes it clear that his Lion persona

is less a drastic transformation than part of ongoing personal growth.

With his film in limited release this week and his album due out April 23, the performer talked about his identity issues, his effort to stay positive and religion.

Evolution — Snoop-style

"To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career."

Snoop Lion
On why he dropped the Dogg.

What does Snoop Lion mean to you? In the movie we see Bunny Wailer give you the name because he said he didn't want to call you a dog. That was his take on it.

I don't know what that take was because I'm going to always be Snoop Dogg. I can't throw that person away and get rid of him. To me, the Lion is the growth of Snoop Dogg — me growing into the next phase of my musical career, the next phase of my life.

In interviews since the film was made, Bunny has been

skeptical of you. What's your take on his criticism?

I've done nothing but what I said I was going to do: go to Jamaica, make a great record, intertwine with some people, build on some relationships and come back and bring something back to the community.

What has been religion's place in your life up until now — and how does Rastafari fit in?

As a kid, I was pushed into the Baptist church, taught that way. As an adult, I was able to seek out information on my own to find out that the Muslim religion, Rastafari, Baptist, Christian — that they all the same. They all God-fearing people and love is love. ... It's more based on life and a way of life and liberty as opposed to religion. Because religion is so false, because it's so past tense and written by someone who is not here.

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The American dream of an American outlaw

New book. Best selling author Tom Folsom discusses his new biography of Dennis Hopper

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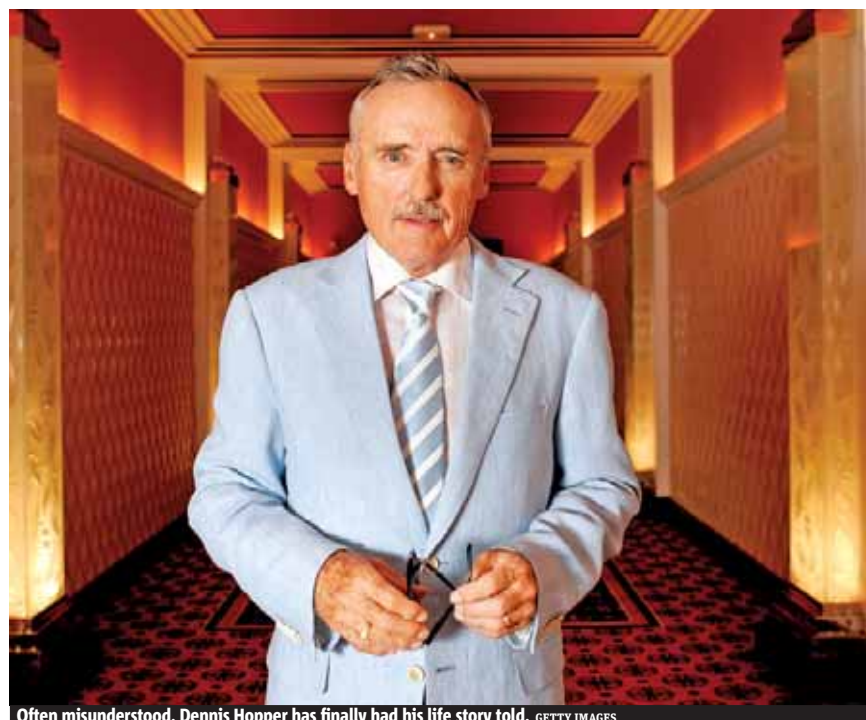
Dennis Hopper — actor, director, artist and husband to Michelle Phillips for eight days — died in 2010 having never put his turbulent life down on paper. Enter Tom Folsom. The documentarian and writer of the bestseller *The Mad Ones: Crazy Joe Giallo and the Revolution at the Edge of the Underworld* turns to another stranger-than-fiction life. He has penned *Hopper: A Journey into the American Dream*, a slim and rollicking ride culled from hundreds of interviews and much digging through myths.

Hopper died in 2010. When did you get the idea for this book?

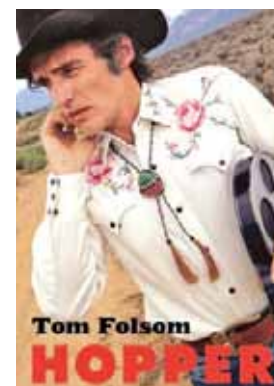
Late 2009, I'd say. There was that whole tabloid divorce,

there was this big book of his photos that came out.

I had gotten a book deal and I thought I'd try to help



Often misunderstood, Dennis Hopper has finally had his life story told. GETTY IMAGES



him finish his memoirs. He'd been trying to do his book for 30 years and he just never got anything on the page. I write a lot about gangsters and American outlaws, and Dennis' story to me had that outlaw quality to it.

Did you get to meet him before his death?

No, I didn't. I was able to have a great heart-to-heart conversation with Peter Fonda for three hours over tequila at the Beverly Wil-

shire. He was really quite honest about him. They were these two kids, he was the star of Roger Corman motorcycle movies and Hopper was this out-of-work contract player. He was on the way down when he was doing *Easy Rider*. He was blackballed by Warner Bros. and they went down to New Orleans, shooting on 16mm and it was chaos. And out of that they revolutionized Hollywood. And after that? It's a disillusion of their friendship. Fonda was kicked out of Hopper's funeral. I thought it was pretty tragic.

When you were interviewing people, how did people talk about Hopper? I imagine some were less keen on him than others.

I found they were very open. They were almost confessionals. Hopper had just died and he was fresh in their minds. They sort of unburdened themselves with these stories. I got some really raw, really honest and thoughtful interviews about Hopper.

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The World According to Dick Cheney takes a candid look at the former American vice-president. HANDOUT

New doc explores the story of Cheney

The World According to Dick. Director says he pushed personal politics aside to portray the former U.S. vice-president



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Dick Cheney refers to himself as the "most consequential" vice-president in American history, and a new, incredibly candid documentary titled *The World According to Dick Cheney* by R.J. Cutler (*The War Room*, *The September Issue*) delves into just what those consequences might be — though Cheney quickly proves he's not one for re-evaluation.

After premiering the film at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year, Cutler brings his portrait of the divisive political figure to Showtime.

Was it difficult to set aside whatever opinions you might have had of Cheney to make this film?

I mean, of course I have opinions about him. I have my politics, but this isn't

really a film about politics — from my perspective. I've made films about people whose politics I agree with and I've made films about people whose politics I don't agree with. In this case, I'm exploring the man but I'm also telling his story from what I believe will be a rich and valuable historical perspective. I'm interested in Dick Cheney. I could not possibly care less about the politics of a documentary filmmaker.

There was a lot of conjecture and hyperbole about Cheney while he was in office, especially in the second term. Was it difficult to avoid that level of discourse?

No, not really. It's not at all difficult to avoid the level of discourse because I focused on serious-minded people who had examined his life and career and had written extensively about it. It's an extremely prominent group

of both supporters and detractors in the film.

You know, the emotion of the debate and the more extreme theories that Cheney's detractors developed... listen, I understand why people are emotional about him. I myself as a citizen share a lot of those emotions, but as a filmmaker it's very easy to separate what's emotional from what the evidence supports.

What was the biggest surprise for you in your dealings with Cheney for this film?

I think I was most struck by the manner in which he discussed honour and duty, the fact that he felt that when put up against each other, there's no question that duty trumps honour and that in fact the debate is a nonstarter. I was very struck by that.

To me, representatives and soldiers who serve with honour, I'd understood that to be a defining characteristic of our country and the way we not only wish to be understood in the world but the way we choose to be understood in the world and the way that we choose to act. And when Cheney dismissed honour as a value, I was really very struck by that.

Keep 'em separated

"I have my politics, but this isn't really a film about politics."

R.J. Cutler, director, *The World According to Dick Cheney*

The Big Bang's getting bigger

Bazinga.

Syndication helped CBS show land huge viewer numbers for last week's new episode

What a difference four years have made.

When the cast of The Big Bang Theory first appeared at PaleyFest in 2009, their sitcom wasn't even among the top 40 rated shows in the United States.

Last week's first-run Big Bang episode topped the list in viewers most coveted by advertisers — those aged 18 to 49 — and it was the second most-watched show overall (behind NCIS) with more than 20 million viewers.

What made Bang so much bigger? Credit syndication. Reruns of the show have been almost impossible to avoid

That's one theory

"We're shoving it down people's throats, and they're learning that they love it."

Simon Helberg, a.k.a. Howard Wolowitz on The Big Bang Theory

since local stations and cable network TBS debuted them in September 2011 — introducing the series and hooking millions of viewers who didn't catch episodes the first times around on CBS.

"You're kind of forced to watch the show now," joked one of the show's stars Simon Helberg Wednesday night on the PaleyFest arrivals line.

From co-creators Chuck Lorre and Bill Prady (Dharma & Greg), The Big Bang Theory spins around two roommates, physicists Leonard Hofstadter (played by Johnny Galecki) and Sheldon Cooper (Jim Parsons), as well as their friends and colleagues, engineer

Howard Wolowitz (Simon Helberg) and astrophysicist Raj Koothrappali (Kunal Nayyar).

Parsons may play a genius, but he's having a tough time getting his head around the show's current success.

"There's something impossible to fathom about viewers and numbers and things like that," Parsons explained. "I can barely picture 20 people in one room. If you want to say 17 or 18 million — well, you've lost me."

The Big Bang cast and crew were careful to withhold any major upcoming plot developments, except for one, to be revealed in the first-run episode airing Thursday night: the discovery of a letter from Howard's long-lost father.

No other cast members or co-creator Lorre would go near discussions of the characters' futures.

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The Big Bang Theory star Jim Parsons arrives at the Paley Center for PaleyFest Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HBO series explores issues of sexuality: Apatow

Girls. Writer/creator/star/executive producer Lena Dunham polarizes audiences with honest storylines

Girls executive producer Judd Apatow says he thinks a

graphic sex scene in Sunday's episode of the HBO series is drawing such strong reactions from critics because it deals with complicated emotions that aren't often explored on TV.

In the instalment of the Golden-Globe-winning comedy, about a group of 20-somethings in New York City, recovering alcoholic Adam (Adam Driver) has a dark sex-

ual encounter with his girlfriend.

The incident is one of several cringe-inducing moments in the episode, which also sees budding writer Hannah (series creator, director, producer and writer Lena Dunham) grappling with her deteriorating mental state.

Girls is known for its frank and unvarnished portrayal of its characters' lives and often

elicits passionate reactions from viewers.

But last Sunday's episode—entitled On All Fours—seems to be particularly polarizing.

An article posted Monday on The Hollywood Reporter website, for instance, read: Girls: Did Lena Dunham Go Too Far?

Meanwhile, a laudatory article on Variety's site declared: HBO's Girls is Defiant



Judd Apatow and Girls creator Lena Dunham. GETTY IMAGES

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in the Best of Ways.

"There's complicated emotions and we're talking about people trying to make connections, and sexuality, and things that go right and wrong in sexuality," Apatow said Tuesday in a telephone interview to promote next week's DVD/Blu-ray release of his comedy film This is 40.

"There's a deep exploration of serious mental issues that Hannah's having, and I think it's a really fascinating storyline we're following that forces people to think about a lot of issues much deeper than they usually have to think about ... when they're watching escapist entertainment."

Apatow added he's "very proud" of what Dunham has done with the show, which wraps its second season on Sunday with an episode the two wrote together.

"I think the finale is fantastic," he said. "I'm excited for people to see the conclusion of

this story she's telling.

"And some of it is shocking but you know, life is shocking, so we're just showing certain corners of life that people don't explore too often."

Apatow said he finds some criticisms of the series "inherently sexist."

"You don't have to be that deep a thinker to understand that when a young, strong woman who's comfortable with her sexuality presents her world view with confidence, it throws people," he said.

"But that's fine. I think all these debates is one of the great purposes of the show. It's making people think about all different aspects of entertainment and feminism and sexuality and what's happening with young people today.

"So to me, it's all fantastic. I like that people brawl about it."

Girls has been renewed for a third season and airs on HBO Canada. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Gwyneth Paltrow. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Paltrow struggling to get family on gluten-free diet

Gwyneth Paltrow is discovering that getting her family on a new low-carb, gluten-free diet isn't exactly a painless endeavor.

"Sometimes when my family is not eating pasta, bread or processed grains like white rice, we're left with that specific hunger that comes with avoiding carbs," she says in her new

cookbook.

But the pain is worth it, she insists.

"Every single nutritionist, doctor and health-conscious person I have ever come across ... seems to concur that (gluten) is tough on the system and many of us are at best intolerant of it and at worst allergic to it," she writes.



Geri Halliwell

Geri Halliwell tries being one of the people

Terrible London traffic has driven Spice Girl Geri Halliwell underground, as the singer ventured onto public transportation for the first time in nearly two decades this week.

"Forgive me for being a brat," she tweeted about the experience.

"After 17 years and yesterday's two hours of traffic, let's save time and money — the tube!"

Halliwell also posted photos of herself on the platform and train.

Her final judgment on the experience?

"Not so bad!"

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Miley's hard partying ways find her back on market?

The breakup rumours about Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth are reaching a fever pitch, with the New York Post claiming that the couple's engagement is officially off.

"Miley and Liam are done — it's over," a source tells the newspaper.

"She likes to party really

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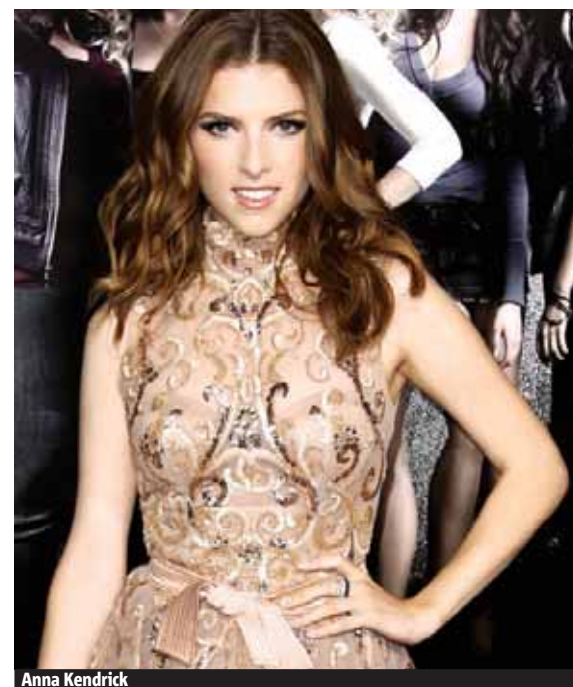
"Miley and Liam are done — it's over"

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Speaking to New York Post

hard and can be pretty wild. It became a problem for him."

But Cyrus is reportedly still holding out hope of a reconciliation.

"They do fight, but she is crazy about Liam," another source says, adding that Cyrus "isn't ready to accept it might be over for good."



Anna Kendrick

Anna Kendrick ends her relationship

Anna Kendrick has reportedly ended her four-year relationship with her Scott Pilgrim vs. the World director Edgar Wright, according to Us Weekly.

"She's single," a source says. "It was done a little while ago."

In her new life as a single gal, Kendrick has been ruminating about what life would be like on reality TV.

"If I were a contestant on The Bachelor, I'd just end up falling in love with the weird sound guy and making things uncomfortable for everyone," she joked recently on Twitter.

"To all the people joking about becoming sound guys, you should also know they put mics in actresses' cleavage and packs on (their) inner thighs. Think about it."

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Drinking like a leprechaun



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For a country not much larger than New Brunswick, Ireland sure has created an international reputation for itself. Whether music, literature, cuisine, bar culture and, of course, liquids, its fame is undeniable.

Though I'm only one quarter Irish, that part of me takes over as the hours grow closer to St. Patrick's Day. That means this weekend I'll be eating and drinking like a giant leprechaun. Irish stew is a personal favourite. And while a seductive pint of Guinness is a match made in heaven, you don't have to stick to the Emerald Isle when it comes to a beverage pairing.

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Who can resist a hearty stew with lamb, potatoes, sweet peas, carrots, onions, celery and rosemary, simmered in Kilkenny Irish Cream Ale and topped with homemade dumplings?

Be sure to double the recipe for this hearty Irish favourite as you will definitely want to enjoy leftovers after the St. Patrick's Day celebrations.

1. Heat oil in Dutch oven on medium high heat. Then

season lamb with salt and pepper. Add to Dutch oven and sear 3 mins. until brown on all sides. Add onions, carrots and celery. Sauté for 30 seconds. Add garlic and sauté for additional 30 seconds. Add beef stock and Kilkenny. Cover and simmer for 40 mins.

2. Add potatoes and simmer for another 20 minutes or until lamb is tender. When lamb is tender, add rosemary.

3. Meanwhile to make dumplings, in bowl place flour, baking powder and salt and mix together. Add milk and oil to dry ingredients. Mix until just combined. Using tablespoon, add to stew, 10 at a time. Cook for 10 to 12 minutes or until dumplings are cooked. Remove dumplings with a slotted spoon and place on pan

lined with parchment paper.

4. Add peas to stew and mix in. Cook for 5 minutes. Serve stew in large crock. Top each portion with 2 to 3 dumplings and sprinkle with chopped

parsley.

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Ingredients

Lamb Stew

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1 tsp (5 ml) sea salt
- 1/2 tsp (2.5 ml) black pepper
- 2 lbs (900 g) boneless lamb shoulder, outside fat removed, diced into 1-inch pieces
- 3 medium onions, diced in 1/2-inch pieces
- 3 medium carrots, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup (225 ml) celery, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped

- 5 cups (1.25 l) beef stock
- 2/3 cup (160 ml) Kilkenny beer
- 2 large Yukon Gold potatoes, diced into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 stalk rosemary
- 20 dumplings
- 1-1/2 cup (350 ml) peas
- Parsley, chopped for garnish

Dumplings

- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) flour
- 1 tsp (5 ml) baking powder
- 3/4 tsp (3.5 ml) salt
- 1-1/4 cup (285 ml) milk
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil

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Book reading at MacEwan

The Canadian-based, award-winning novelist Michael Ondaatje, who wrote *The English Patient*, will be in Edmonton Thursday March 21 to read from his recent work *The Cat's Table*. It's always great to hear an author read their own work. This piece has been named MacEwan University Book of the Year, and the school will host the evening at City Centre Campus, 10700-104 Ave, at 7:30 p.m. Check out Tix on the Square for your seat, or MacEwan University bookstores. See Macewan.ca for more.



When Irish Eyes are Smiling

Sunday is St. Patrick's Day, so you know every pub in town will be pouring green pints o'plenty. I like my beer brown, but to each his own — it's a celebration, whatever the colour. The bars along Whyte Avenue tend to get very festive with the infectious sounds of Celtic music and general revelry. Try your luck o' the Irish at O'Byrnes Irish Pub, 10616-82 Ave. for music, food and all-day celebrating.



Seedy Sunday

Is it too soon to think about the garden? I think not. Share Edmonton hosts a seed swapping event this Sunday where you can swap or donate vegetable, fruit or flower seeds. You can also just buy some organic, heritage seeds from local vendors, plus enjoy kids crafts, homemade snacks and speakers. Join A'bunadh Seeds, Harmonic Herbs, Prairie Garden Seeds and others at the Alberta Avenue Community Centre, 9210-118 Ave. Admission is free, but donations are welcome.



A cure for your sports hangover

So, the excitement of the Brier is over — granted, it's disappointing for Alberta fans — but what's done is done. Why not cheer yourself up with a hockey game? The Oil Kings are in action against the Red Deer Rebels this weekend at Rexall Place. It's the team's final regular season game on the heels of a six-game winning streak, and the playoffs are guaranteed, so come celebrate! It's also fan appreciation night. The game goes at 7 p.m., Saturday. Tickets start at \$20 at ticketmaster.ca.



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Based on the best-selling novel by Khaled Hosseini and adapted for the stage by Matthew Spangler, *The Kite Runner* is the poignant story of two young boys in Afghanistan whose lives are separated after a tragic betrayal. This Canadian premiere is a co-production with Theatre Calgary — sure to engross theatre audiences. The *Kite Runner* plays until March 31. Tickets start at \$35 and can be had at 780-425-1820. See citadeltheatre.com for more.

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Joining the West

Jets' return to Winnipeg spurred realignment: Bettman

The Winnipeg Jets are officially moving west in what NHL commissioner Gary Bettman calls a "fan-friendly" realignment that was approved on Thursday by the league's board of governors.

"We're very relieved, as much as we enjoyed those trips down south," said Jets governor Mark Chipman.

Other teams also get some of their wishes fulfilled and fans will not have to deal with as many time-zone issues to watch their home teams play away games.

But Bettman said the driver for realignment was the relocation of the Atlanta Thrashers to Winnipeg.

"But for the relocation, this isn't something we would have undertaken," he said.

The format features two eight-team divisions in the Eastern Conference and two seven-team divisions in the West. The Jets move into what is now known as Division B in the Western Conference, giving them a friendlier travel schedule than they currently have in the Southeast Division.

The other teams in the new division are Chicago, Colorado, Minnesota, Dallas, Nashville and St. Louis. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



NHL commissioner Gary Bettman
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Edmonton Oilers goalie Devan Dubnyk made 36 saves in shutting out the Colorado Avalanche 4-0 on Tuesday in Denver. BARRY GUTIERREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Desperation card' deals winning hand

NHL. Oilers rally for back-to-back road victories after captain calls team meeting

The Edmonton Oilers returned home from their nine-game, 17-day road trip buoyed by recent successes, relieved they're still in the playoff hunt and confident that better days lie ahead.

The Oilers won their final two games of the trip — in Chicago and Colorado — to salvage what could have been a disastrous journey. After earning three of a possible four points in the first two games, the Oilers lost five straight and back-to-back shutout losses in Detroit and Nashville left them on the

Quoted

"Time is running out, but we are at a point where if we can build some momentum here over the next five, six games, we can get ourselves in the playoffs."

Edmonton Oilers captain Shawn Horcoff

verge of losing their season.

"We looked defeated, the energy level was low, there was no battle," captain Shawn Horcoff said Thursday of the team's position after their 6-0 loss in Nashville on March 8.

So Horcoff, who returned to play two days later after missing 17 games with a hand injury, called a team meeting that cleared the air and may have saved the season.

"It was the way we were playing, just the steady decline in our play and our mental situation," Horcoff

said of the reason for calling the team together before a 6-5 win in Chicago. "You don't call those meetings all the time but at that time it was a pivotal point in our season. We needed to turn things around."

The back-to-back road victories left Edmonton three points out of a playoff spot in the jammed-up Western Conference heading into Friday's game against Detroit, the first of four Edmonton games at Rexall Place.

"We're alive again," said

Horcoff, who scored in both wins. "Going into Chicago we were as down and out as we have been in a long time. To respond with two wins, coming home three points out of the playoffs, leaves us with a lot of confidence."

General manager Steve Tambellini admitted Thursday he was concerned how the club would respond after their humbling losses in Detroit and Nashville, but he liked the way Horcoff returned and the leadership he showed.

"I liked the fact he came back and showed terrific veteran leadership and our guys responded," he said. "That desperation card can be played with this hockey club and that's what we are, a desperate club."

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Canadian teen impresses in world championship debut



Kaetlyn Osmond performs in the women's short program at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont., on Thursday. Osmond heads into Saturday's free skate in fourth place. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Figure skating. 17-year-old Osmond within striking distance of finishing on the podium

Canadian Kaetlyn Osmond stepped onto the ice for what would be a memorable world championship debut.

The 17-year-old from Marystown, N.L., who has people in the sport raving about her rare ability to thoroughly dazzle a crowd, did just that Thursday. She finished fourth in the short

Quoted

"She's like an artist, she's very special. But then at the same time she's technically very strong."

Ravi Walia, Kaetlyn Osmond's coach

program with her sassy mambo program — just a year after she was 10th at the world junior championships.

Now she heads into Saturday's free skate within striking distance of a medal behind Olympic champion Kim Yu-Na of South Korea, who scored 69.97 points to win the short program in her first major international appearance in two years. Defending world champion Carolina Kostner of Italy was second with 66.86, while Japan's Kanako Murakami was third with 66.64.

Osmond, in a black sequined dress, her black hair pulled into a tight ponytail, scored 64.73, opening with a big triple toe loop-triple toe loop combination, then charging straight into a triple flip, and then a double Axel. In between, she shimmied her shoulders, swivelled her hips and played to the audience, her huge smile barely leaving her face. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Virtue, Moir trail U.S. rivals after short dance

Canadians Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir perform in the ice-dancing short dance on Thursday at the World Figure Skating Championships in London, Ont. The Olympic gold medalists scored 73.87 points but trail American rivals Meryl Davis and Charlie White by nearly four points heading into Saturday's free dance. JOHN MATISZ/METRO IN LONDON

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Diaz cranks up the 'craziness'

MMA. Welterweight challenger has GSP shaking his head as presser gets weird

One day after missing a scheduled public workout ahead of UFC 158, Nick Diaz put on a show.

The often-sullen California welterweight showed off his chatty side at a news conference Thursday, wielding the microphone like a talk-show host. Diaz hogged the dais, throwing out comments and interjecting whether there was a question directed his way or not.

It ranged from the poignant to the bizarre.

"(In terms of) craziness, that was a 10 out of 10," UFC president Dana White said afterward.

The casually dressed Diaz



Nick Diaz THE CANADIAN PRESS

held court, reeling off a long line of beefs including his picture on the promotional poster for the fight — evidence, he says, that the UFC likes to portray him as the bad guy.

"The picture of me is, like, from years ago," he complained. "Can I get one but-tered-up Photoshop picture in a magazine or on a poster?"

At times, Diaz's stream-of-

Return to Alberta

On Thursday, UFC boss Dana White said Calgary will get another show.

- "When we go back to Calgary, I've said it a million times, we're going to deliver when we go back there," White told reporters.

consciousness monologues seemed to bewilder champion Georges St-Pierre. Other times, a stone-faced GSP seemed antagonized and appalled.

"He's in a different place than he's ever been because he's really mad," White told reporters later.

Normally cool as a cucumber, St-Pierre is jalapeno-hot going into Saturday's main event.

"I've never seen Georges like this before a fight," White added. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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♈ Aries

March 21 - April 20
Something you are told today may cause you to wonder if someone you thought was a friend is actually an enemy. Before you jump to conclusions make sure you have all the evidence.

♉ Taurus

April 21 - May 21
Life can be easy or life can be hard – it all depends on the outlook you choose to adopt. Attitude is everything: the right attitude can make even the most difficult set of circumstances look easy.

♊ Gemini

May 22 - June 21
You may not know why you distrust a work colleague but you know better than to ignore your instincts. If you don't want to get involved in what they are suggesting it is your right to say "No" and walk away.

♋ Cancer

June 22 - July 23
Wisdom is not a destination but a journey. With that thought in mind don't fall into the trap of thinking you know it all today. Keep an open mind and you might learn something that gives you an advantage.

♌ Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23
Don't fight change today because it will lead to something better. Yes, in the short-term it may be painful, but in the long-term it will benefit you in numerous ways.

♍ Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Is there something you can do to make a loved one feel better about a difficult situation? A few words of comfort could be all it takes to give them the strength to battle against the odds – and win.

♎ Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Let the world know what you think today, even if you worry that it might provoke a negative reaction. The truth should never be hidden or denied, so speak your mind and ignore those who don't like it.

♏ Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can do your reputation a world of good today by passing up the chance to get even with someone who has let you down. They may deserve a slap on the wrist but they're not worth the effort.

♐ Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Other people may not be as quick off the mark as you today but that does not mean they are stupid. On the contrary, by taking things slower they are less likely to make mistakes.

♑ Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are at odds with someone over a serious issue and before the day is over there will be some harsh words flying around. Clear the air by all means but avoid making hasty decisions. Cool down a bit first.

♒ Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You must look brave on the outside even though you may be scared on the inside. Believe it or not you are close to making a success of something you thought was going to fail big time.

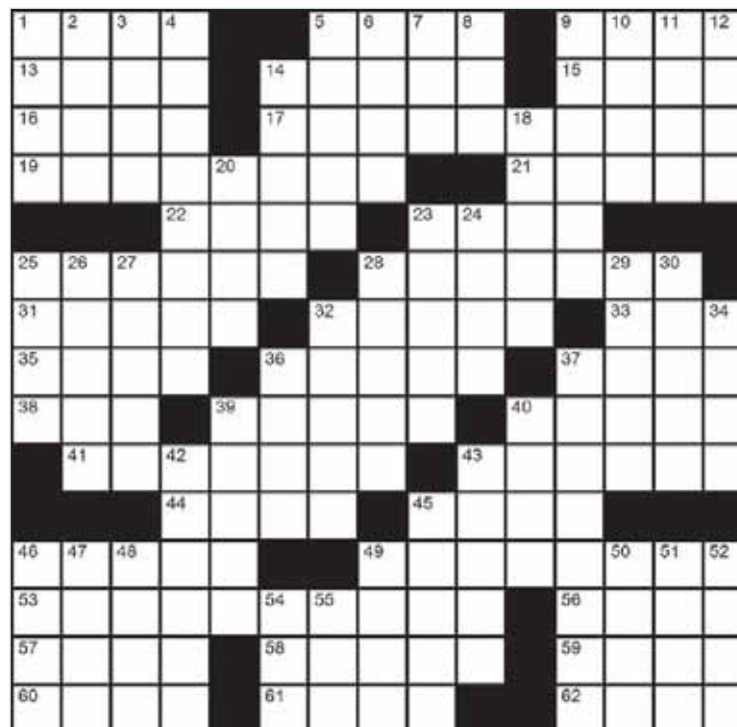
♓ Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20
There is nothing you cannot do: your potential is unlimited. Whether or not you believe that is true does not matter – what matters is that you act as if it is true. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. The ___ of March
5. Actor Mr. MacLachlan
9. Place to skate
13. Wood-for-furniture
14. How canned seafood can be packed: 2 wds.
15. Rhyme scheme
16. Song in '65's "The Sound of Music": "Climb ___ Mountain"
17. Klondike Gold Rush hub: 2 wds.
19. ___-style bagels
21. Theatre lane
22. Horse coat style
23. Actors Ed or Keenan
25. Hamilton's football team, familiarly
28. Canadian journalist Valerie; also one of a chip brand
31. Island near the Statue of Liberty
32. Like a leaf's pattern
33. Meal morsel
35. "The ___ King" (1994)
36. Shopping places
37. ___ butter (Beauty product ingredient)
38. Washroom, for short
39. Religious orders
40. Sugar ___ (Sap-to-syrup spot)
41. Juno-winning singer Ms. Cox
43. Juno-winning singer, Keshia ___
44. Jealousy
45. Weaving machine



46. The Phantom of the ___
49. Toronto-born cartoonist Joe Shuster's co-creation
53. Irish stage show that made Michael Flatley a star
56. Dancer in "Return of the Jedi" (1983)
57. Time: German

58. Margaret Atwood novel, ___ Grace
59. Ranks like Klinger's on "M*A*S*H", for short
60. Finds in mines
61. Baseball gear
62. Singer Alicia

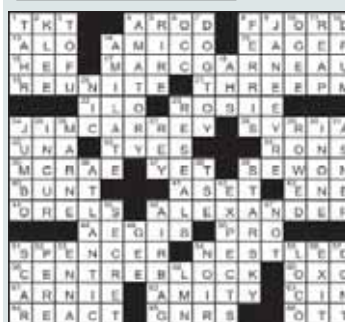
2. "Whip It" band with tiered hats
3. Garner
4. Mode of transport in Vancouver
5. "Wavin' Flag" singer
6. Bellow
7. Fleur-de-___ [var. sp.]
8. "Strange Magic" gr.
9. Motorsport activity

10. Sacred ___ (Revered bird in ancient Egypt)
11. 'N' in NHL, for short
12. Showbiz star Danny
14. Concepts
18. "___ McPhee" (2005)
20. Turns to compost
23. Legal documents
24. Yangs counterparts
25. "Live to ___" by Madonna
26. Homer's epic poem
27. Sort of spice
28. City in Australia
29. Actress Lindsay
30. Put up a building
32. Holiday, slang-style
34. Choose
36. "Jeopardy!" creator Mr. Griffin
37. St. Patrick's Day symbol
39. Submarine instrument
40. It might be laced
42. Artist-style hats
43. Makes do
45. Star Wars creator George
46. Rice-shaped pasta
47. ___ 1 Imports
48. Songstress Ms. Sands
49. Miffed state
50. Sulk
51. Friendly nation
52. It's in northern BC, ___ River
54. Lightly apply
55. Wing-like part

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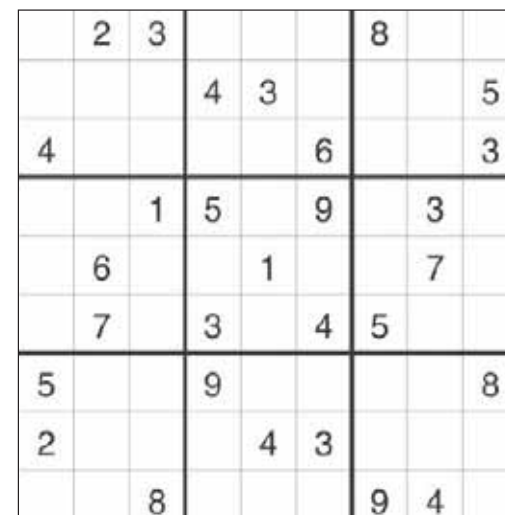
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MAX: -11°
MIN: -14°



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